

19                   That if deported you are to leave the United States  
20 and not return without the prior permission of the Secretary  
21 of the Department of Homeland Security.

22 Let me explain this sentence to you, sir.

23                   This was no mistake. The word "mistake" is used  
24 here. This was no mistake. You knew what these people were  
25 doing. You knew what you were doing. You knew the large

1 quantity of drugs that you were involved in. You knew that.

2 Your role was not minimum or minor. If people like  
3 you, otherwise upstanding people, cut the drug dealers  
4 off -- no one is even talking about you dropping a dime on  
5 them but simply said to them I will have nothing to do with  
6 this, their distribution networks would be so much harder  
7 and countless numbers of people would be spared the scourge  
8 of drugs.

9 So this was no mistake. You knowingly involved  
10 yourself in drug dealing.

11 The sentence I have imposed is a fair and a just  
12 sentence having in mind the following criteria.

13 And while I know that the Sentencing Commission  
14 does not look at the actual explanations for sentences, they  
15 only code the judgment and commitment order. If one were to  
16 review the actual transcript of your sentence, sir, they  
17 would see your present counsel arguing so carefully and so  
18 knowledgeably about what you deserve but equally they would  
19 see government counsel herself sensitively balancing the  
20 criteria that Congress has imposed in order to come up with  
21 a just and a fair sentence. And I must candidly compliment  
22 both.

23 Here is why I give you 44 months. Because as near  
24 as I can figure it, and taking into account the other people  
25 with whom you were knowingly involved in a terrible criminal

1 enterprise, and having in mind what sentence was imposed  
2 upon them, this seems an appropriate sentence.

3 And there is one other thing, to be completely  
4 transparent, which I consider to be my duty. Your wife's  
5 son -- now, Mr. Andrews says you adopted him. I don't know  
6 whether it was a formal adoption. But from these letters  
7 and, indeed, from the Presentence Report, I am satisfied  
8 that you have been a good father to all five children. And  
9 I take that into account.

10 And I am struck by the fact that your wife's son  
11 for whom you have been a good father has got his life on the  
12 line for this country in Iraq as a United States Marine.

13 Now, I don't formally count that in calculating  
14 your sentence but I cannot ignore it. And the tragedy here  
15 is you have thrown that all away. Once this four years is  
16 up, they are going to deport you. You will never come back  
17 into this country, this country for which your son is  
18 staking everything.

19 You will get credit for the service of this  
20 sentence from -- is it March 31, 2004 until -- yes,  
21 March 31, 2004 to April 26, 2004 and taken into custody on  
22 June 10, 2005 until the present.

23 You have the right to appeal from any findings or  
24 rulings the court has made against you. Should you appeal  
25 and should your appeal be successful in whole or in part,

1 your case will be remanded to this court and resentenced  
2 before another judge.

3 That is the sentence of the court. He is remanded  
4 to the custody of the marshals. We will recess.

5 **THE CLERK:** All rise.

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7 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were recessed at 2:40  
8 p.m.)

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